

I understand that on June 2, the Federal Communications Commission is planning on authorizing sweeping changes to the American news media. The rule changes could allow our local TV stations, newspaper, radio stations, and cable provider to all be owned by one company. NBC, ABC, CBS and Fox could have the same corporate parent. The resulting concentration of ownership could be deeply destructive to our democracy.

I urge you to take a long hard look at what's happened since the Commission last relaxed its ownership rules, and realize that to relax the rules further would only concentrate ownership into fewer hands, reduce the public's access to local news & information, and allow fewer people to define what's worthy of making it on to our airwaves.

DJs are getting fired because they play music by artists who've been blacklisted by Clear Channel. Doesn't that concern you? Clear Channel's got enough stations - don't allow them, and other huge and faceless corporations to further monopolize the airwaves. Don't limit our choices further.

Please - don't relax the ownership rules.

Sincerely,
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